THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Development and maintenance of National Highway is a continuous process and works on National Highways in the country including NHs 2, 3, 7, 11, 24, 25, 27, 29, 56 and 19 passing through the State of Uttar Pradesh are undertaken in a phased manner subject to the availability of funds.

(b) Funds are allocated to the State as a whole and not National Highway-wise. Funds allocated and expenditure incurred entire during 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as under :

| | Development | | Maintenance | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure |
| | (Rs. in lakhs) | | | |
| 1995-96 | 8842.00 | 8789.00 | 2529.94 | 2767.00 |
| 1996-97 | 8565.00 | 5439.00 (Upto Jan. '97) | 2793.40 | 2117.00 (Upto Jan '97) |

*[English]*

**Imposing of Special Fee in Private Institutions**

2331. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has proposed to levy a special fee in the Private Institution to meet the capital expenditure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Bridges on National Highways in Karnataka**

2332. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any schemes are pending for clearance with the Government regarding the construction of new bridges on the National Highways in Karnataka for the last three years and upto December 31, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

*[Translation]*

**Theft of Passport**

2333. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been reports of theft of passports in various passport offices in the country during 1995-96, 1996-97;

(b) if so, the number of pasports stolen, passport office-wise and date-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the stolen passports have been traced out and seized; and

(e) if so, the number of passports recovered?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Cases of missing passports were reported immediately to the police and circulars revoking them were issued to prevent their misuse.

(d) and (e) Some of the missing passports have been seized by the police. In the recent case of stolen passports from the Passport Office, Nagpur, a gang involved in the theft has been busted by the Police. Information regarding the number of such passports is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[English]*

**Admission of Minorities in Colleges**

2334. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have formulated any guidelines for the admission of minorities in the colleges and other institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the basis of these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) The admission of all students including those belonging to minorities, to Medical and Dental/ Engineering Colleges, whether a Minority Institution or otherwise, are governed by the guidelines published by Indian Medical Council and All India Council of Technical Education respectively.

There are no general guidelines, in the matter of admission of minorities to other colleges. General